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THE FOLLOWING IS THE CORRECT TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS

USED BY MR. STOESSEL AT THE SEPTEMBER 29 POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING. YOU SHOULD DISREGARD TEXT TRANSMITTED

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BEGIN TEXT

GENERAL

- WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE DRAFT
DECLARATION PREPARED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE EC NINE.

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-- WE NOTE THAT THE NINE HAVE COORDINATED THEIR

RESPECTIVE NATIONAL POSITIONS, AND THAT THEY ARE NOW, FOR
THE FIRST TIME, SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE ON A MAJOR ISSUE

INVOLVING POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ELEMENTS: THE QUESTION OF HOW TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

-- THIS STEP IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT ONE. HOWEVER, YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THAT FOR US WHAT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT

IS WHAT YOU ARE SAYING -- THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED STATEMENT WE HAVE MET TO DISCUSS.

-- WE HAVE REGARDED THE JOINT EFFORT TO DEVELOP A DECLARATION AS IMPORTANT FROM THE STANDPOINT PARTICULARLY OF INVIGORATING THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP BY RESTATING COMMON PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES IN THE LIGHT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEREBY PREPARING A SOUND BASIS FOR OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

-- SUCH A STATEMENT, MOREOVER, COULD HELP ALL OF US TO STRENGTHEN OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH ONE ANOTHER BY ESTABLISHING A BASIS FOR INCREASED CONSULTATIONS.

-- HAVING MENTIONED CONSULTATION, I THINK IT CAN BE NO SECRET TO ANYONE THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN ARRIVING AT THE EC DRAFT. WE HAVE HAD THE FEELING OF BEING EXCLUDED FROM YOUR DELIBERATIONS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE EFFORT BY THE NINE TO DEVELOP A COMMON TEXT ON US RELATIONS WITH THE EC, WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THIS MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR COMMON FURTHER INTERESTS IN THIS ENTERPRISE WILL BE SERVED BEST, WE BELIEVE, IF ENSUING CONSULTATIONS ARE CONDUCTED SO THAT, ON OUR SIDE, WE CAN FEEL THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE OF POLICY DETERMINATION. THUS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT CONSULTATIONS IN THE FUTURE CAN BE ON AS FLEXIBLE A BASIS AS POSSIBLE, AND WILL INCLUDE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECRET

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EC.

-- TURNING TO THE EC DRAFT, WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT EC VIEWS WERE NOT PRESENTED TO US ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" BASIS, BUT INSTEAD WERE SUBMITTED IN THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSULTATION.

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT IN THAT SPIRIT AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

-- BEFORE OUTLINING OUR VIEWS, I WANT TO UNDERLINE THAT OUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE IT MORE COMPLETE, AND AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EVOLUTION OF A

COMMON DRAFT.

-- I HAVE WITH ME A VERSION OF THE DRAFT CONTAINING OUR SUGGESTIONS IN THE FORM OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AFTER YOU HAVE HAD A

CHANCE TO CONSIDER OUR PROPOSALS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THEM IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS. I AND MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET BILATERALLY WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AND TO CARRY FORWARD OUR DIALOGUE WITH THIS GROUP AT A LATER DATE.

-- AS FOR THE DRAFT ITSELF, WE WELCOME THE PREAMBLE'S EMPHASIS ON US-EUROPEAN SHARED VALUES AND CLOSE LINKS, AND ESPECIALLY THE EC UNDERTAKING TO "MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE" WITH THE US ON ISSUES GOING BEYOND COMMERCIAL POLICY;

-- WE NOTE THAT THE TEXT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE "OPEN" IN ITS POLICY AND THAT MEMBER STATES ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES;

-- WE WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THESE POSITIVE ASPECTS, THE DRAFT IS SUBSTANTIVELY VERY "THIN" IN MANY AREAS. IT FALLS CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF
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COVERING THE RANGE OF NON-SECURITY ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT EARLIER PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EC AND OTHERS. IN OUR VIEW, IT COULD BE STRENGTHENED SUBSTANTIALLY TO REFLECT BETTER THE REALITIES OF OUR COMMON CONCERNS AND OUR INTENTION TO DEAL MEANINGFULLY WITH THEM ON A COMMON BASIS.

-- AGAINST THE BACKGROUND I HAVE JUST PROVIDED, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN NOW TO SPECIFIC COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EC DRAFT.

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-- THE PRINCIPLES ENUMERATED IN EC TEXT DEAL LARGELY WITH HOW THE US AND THE EC WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD;

-- THERE IS VERY LITTLE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE, HOWEVER, ON PRINCIPLES THAT WILL GUIDE THEIR RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER;

-- IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THE CONCEPT OF "PARTNERSHIP," WHICH IS CLEARLY IMPLIED IN THE PREAMBLE,

SHOULD BE EXPLICITLY STATED IN THE TEXT.

-- WE ALSO WOULD WISH TO MAKE REFERENCE TO A SEARCH
FOR NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION RATHER THAN MERELY TO PLEDGE
TO "INTENSIFY EXISTING COOPERATION" (PARA. 6);

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE TEXT ALSO SHOULD REFLECT THE
LONG-STANDING US SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY (PARA. 7).

-- IN PARA. 4, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN OUR VIEW TO IN-
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